

Remarks

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the present application in light of the following remarks.

Claims 1-13, 21, and 22 remain pending in the present application.

Claims 1-13, 21, and 22 are rejected. Applicant respectfully traverses these rejections.

Double Patenting Rejections

The Office Action ("Action") provisionally rejects claims 1-13, 21, and 22 on the ground of non-statutory double patenting over claims 1-22 of co-pending U.S. Patent Application No. 11/058,491 ("the '491 application").

Without conceding the merits of these rejections, and for the sole reason of expediting allowance of the present application, Applicant files herewith a Terminal Disclaimer in compliance with 37 C.F.R. 1.321(c) to obviate the non-statutory obviousness-type double patenting rejections of claims 1-13, 21, and 22.

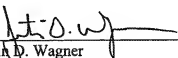
Conclusion

Applicant submits that the present application is in condition for allowance and such action is respectfully requested. The Examiner is encouraged to telephone the undersigned at (503) 222-3613 if it appears that an interview would be helpful in advancing the case.

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